

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Well, Sir, various factors come into play in the matter of determining what capacity a particular tank should have. But all aspects of the question will be taken into consideration before fixing the capacity of tanks lower down and higher up.

Sri K. KENCHAPPA.—I want an answer to my question. My question is that the Government have been attempting to improve the capacity of the various tanks situated in the catchment area in such a way as to diminish supply of water to Vanivilas Sagar.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—If the Hon'ble Member puts me a definite question why and in what circumstances the capacity of a particular tank or reservoir higher up has been increased or decreased, I can answer. There are nearly 184 tanks in Chikmagalur Division, 118 in Hosadurga and several tanks higher up. It is rather difficult for me to answer a general question of the kind. If the Hon'ble Member puts a question pertaining to any reservoir or tank higher up or lower down, the Government will furnish the answer.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Having regard to the large amount of money spent on this irrigation project, will the Government take steps to fix the final quantity of water that will be available or will they improve the supply of water?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Government have already fixed on 24th November, 1958, 18,000 acres under Vani Vilas Sagar.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—With reference to answer (c), may I know on what basis did the Government come to the conclusion that there is inadequate supply of water?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—On the basis of hydraulic details pertaining to average rainfall, from our experience during these years, we have decided.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Knowing fully well that there is inadequate supply of water to Vani Vilas Sagar, two or three tanks have been ordered to be constructed in Chikmagalur District.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—On 24th November 1958 the Government have fixed 11,000 acres as atchkat under Vani Vilas Sagar and keeping the requirements of Vani Vilas Sagar in mind, nothing prevents the Government to take up works to increase the capacities of tanks elsewhere.

Sri C. K. RAJAJAH SETTY.—You were pleased to state that due to inadequate supply of water, the extent has been reduced. At the same time you are saying nothing prevents the Government to construct new tanks. Which of the two is correct? When there is inadequate supply of water, how can new tanks be proposed?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—In 1906 when the project was designed, they wanted to impound water sufficient to irrigate about 25,000 acres. At that time it was not disclosed whether these acres were for perennial irrigation or garden irrigation or wet cultivation. Now, we have prescribed that only 18,000 acres have got to be irrigated and certain portion of it as garden and certain portion of it as wet cultivation and there also, we have prescribed 5 days on and 8 days off. Therefore, much depends upon the nature of the crop that we grow and the duration during which water supply is made and so on and so forth. Now, the Hon'ble Member raises a pertinent question as to why 25,000 acres should not be developed. Our approach to problems are also differing. We are now thinking of not developing any single block but as far as possible water available in catchment area should be distributed over a larger area and benefit a larger number of people.

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Steps taken to check Rise in Prices of Foodgrains, etc.

*Q.—260. **Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU** (Cubbonpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the steady and steep rise in the prices of foodgrains and other essential articles like matches, sugar, etc.;

(b) whether they have investigated the causes for such rise in prices and the steps taken by them to arrest such rise;

(c) how do the Government propose to keep down the prices of the retail sellers?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Food).—

(a) There was a rise in the prices of foodgrains, particularly of rice about the middle of the year 1956 and these prices have remained practically at the same level since then but for normal seasonal variations. There has been slight increase in the prices of matches and sugar also.

(b) This is an all-India matter and any unilateral action in this behalf by the State Government is not likely to be effective.

(c) Government of India have recently fixed maximum wholesale prices for rice. Government are building up buffer stocks of rice for release at fair prices during the lean months of the year and this is expected to keep the open market prices of retail sellers within reasonable limits.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Can the Government disown their obligations to check the prices of foodgrains and other essential articles?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—It cannot.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Then will you kindly look at answer to (b). It is stated there: "This is an all-India matter and any unilateral action in this behalf by the State Government is not likely to be effective." May I know that in view of this answer, whether the Government has moved the Government of India to take any effective measures to check the rise in prices?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The Central Government is quite alive to the question of price of all commodities and from time to time they are taking actions also.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—May I know the action taken? You have stated since 1956 there has been a rise. May I know what are the steps taken either by the Government of Mysore or

the Government of India to reduce or bring down the prices?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಸಂಖ್ಯಾಂಗಾರ ಮಂಟನವರು 1956-57ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಬ್ಬಿಡ್ವೈರೇಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಬತ್ತ ಸಪ್ತಮಾಡಿ ದಿಸ್ಪಿಬ್ಯೂಟ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡಿ 1958ಕ್ಕೆ ಸಬ್ಸಿಡಿಕೊಡುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ನೀವೇ ಪ್ರಕಾರ್ಯಮಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಪ್ರೈವಟ್ ಲೆವೆಲ್ ಅನ್ನು ಕಳಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಇಳಿಸುವ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಸ್ವಾಕುಮಾಡಿ ಮಾರಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಹೋದವರ್ಷ 379 ಫೇರ್ಪ್ರೈವಟ್ ಡಿಪೋಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆದು ಅಲ್ಲಲ್ಲಿ ಹಂಚಾಯಿತು. ಈ ಸಲ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಕ್ಕಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರೈಕಾರ್ಯಮಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಫೇರ್ಪ್ರೈವಟ್ ಡಿಪೋಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಕಡಮೆ ಬೆಲೆಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is the rise due to growing demand?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಪಾಪ್ಯುರೇಷನ್ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ, ಬೆಳೆಯೂ, ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ. ಪಾಪ್ಯುರೇಷನ್ ಇನ್ಕ್ರೀಜ್ ಆಗುವ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಳೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುವ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಎರಡೂ ಒಂದೇ ತರಹ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Obviously answers refer only to certain foodgrains. What about other essential articles? So far as other essential articles are concerned, is it not that the prices have gone up steeply?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—If a particular item is asked, I am prepared to reply. The general trend is not comparatively so much as in the case of the foodgrains.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಜಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹೇಗೌಡ.—ರೈತರ ಏರ್ಚು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ. ಆಹಾರ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ಧಾರಣೆ ವಾಸಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಆಹಾರ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಯುವವರಿಗೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಧಾರಣೆ ಕೊಡುವುದರಿಂದ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA.—May I know in answer to (c) how much buffer stocks you have been able to collect so far this year?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—3,83,994 ಪಲ್ಲ ಬತ್ತ 25,596 ಪಲ್ಲ ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಇಷ್ಟನ್ನು ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್ 15ನೆಯ ತಾರೀಖಿನ ತನಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ಹಾಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವರು ಧಾನ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಲೆ ಏನು ನಿಗದಿಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೋ ಅದರಿಂದ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಜ್ಞಾನವಾದ ಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ಮನವಿಗಳು ತಮಗೆ ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಮನವಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ ಕೊಡಲಾಯಿತು.

Sri A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—What is the total quantity of foodstuffs collected last year? What is the present stock of last year's collections?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಹೋದವರ್ಷ ಎರಡು ಲಕ್ಷ 40 ಪಲ್ಲ ಸಂಗ್ರಹ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಈ ವರ್ಷ 3,86,994 ಪಲ್ಲ ಬತ್ತ, ಮತ್ತು 25,596 ಪಲ್ಲ ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಯನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು.

ಡಾ|| ಟಿ. ಪಾರ್ಥಸಾರಥಿ.—ಇತರ ಪ್ರಾಂತಗಳಂತೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಾಂತದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಎಸೆನ್‌ಷಿಯಲ್ಸ್ ಫುಡ್ ಅರ್ಟಿಕಲ್ಸ್ ಬೆಲೆ ಪಾಸ್ತಿ ಇದೆ ಅಲ್ಲವೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಹೋದವರ್ಷದ ಫಿಗರ್ಸ್ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಇದೆ. ಒಂದು ಆರ್ಟಿಕಲ್‌ಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ, ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಆರ್ಟಿಕಲ್‌ಗೆ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇತರ ಅರ್ಟಿಕಲ್ಸ್ ಜನರಲ್ ಆಗಿ ಹೇಳುವುದು ಕಷ್ಟ.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Government have stated that it is an all-India matter. May I know if it is the opinion of Government that prices do not rise if it is an all-India matter?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಲೆಗಳು ಏರುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಕಂಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಅವರ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

This is governed by the Essential Commodities Act which is enacted by the Central Government.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Questions Nos. 264, 422 and 449 may be taken together.

[Hon'ble Members Sri J. P. Sarwesh and Sri G. B. Shankar Rao were not present.]

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—Since they are not present this question may be taken up tomorrow.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—That cannot be done.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ರಾಮಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ವಾಬಂತ್ಯಜೇಷ್ಠ ಆಫ್ ಫುಡ್ ಪ್ರೈಸಸ್ ಸ್ಕ್ರೀಂ ಪಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ದಿ. ಅವರ ಮುಖ್ಯೋದ್ದೇಶವೇನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಬಫರ್ ಸ್ಟಾಕ್‌ನ್ನು ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡು ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿನ ಧಾರಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಇಳಿಸುವುದು ಅವರ ಮುಖ್ಯೋದ್ದೇಶ.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is it not a fact that failure in production has led to the rise in prices?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಫೈಲರ್ಸ್ ಇನ್ ಪ್ರಾಡಕ್ಷನ್ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—What are the measures taken to control the prices for the last two years?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಫ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ಕಂಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಾಧ್ಯ ಪಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿ, ಪ್ರೊಡಕ್ಷನ್ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಅದು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Expenditure incurred towards T.A. of Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

*Q.—264. **Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA** (Hosadurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the amount of T.A. drawn by each Minister and Deputy Minister from 1st June 1958 to 28th February 1959 (monthwar details may be furnished)?

A.—**Sri B. D. JATTI** (Chief Minister).—

The information required in this question has already been furnished on 20th March 1959 *vide* answer to L. A. Question No. 142 by Sri B. N. Boranna Gowda. However a copy of the statement showing the T.A. and D.A. drawn by Ministers and Deputy Ministers from June 1958 up to the end of January 1959 is appended.